

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): An access control device including:  
electronic identification means, and  
an audio communications device,  
wherein the electronic identification means and the audio communications device are configured to access a common physical communications system, and wherein the access control device controls access to a physical area or region.
2. (currently amended): An ~~A~~ access control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the electronic identification means is in the form of a card reader.
3. (previously presented): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the electronic identification means includes a key pad.
4. (previously presented): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the audio communications device is in the form of an intercom.
5. (previously presented): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the audio communications device includes the ability to play pre-stored audio clips.
6. (currently amended): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ data from ~~shared between~~ the electronic identification means and audio communications device is in a format that can be transmitted from the access control device over a single communications cable.
7. (previously presented): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 which can be activated or controlled by a remote operator.

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8. (previously presented): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the audio communications device is bi-directional.

9. (previously presented): A control system which incorporates an access control device as claimed in claim 1.

10. (previously presented): A method of installing a control system characterised by the step of installing an access control device as claimed in claim 1.

11. (previously presented): A monitoring system which incorporates an access control device as claimed in claim 1.

12. (previously presented): A method of installing a monitoring system characterised by the step of installing an access control device as claimed in claim 1.